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LIEUT. COL. C. B. HATCH



Lieut. Col. Charles B. Hatch of the United States Marine corps has been sent to Philadelphia by Secretary Daniels to see that the city is cleaned of all vice, in accordance with the wishes of the navy department. The first step in the cleaning up has been the appointment of Police Captain Mills as acting superintendent of the Philadelphia police.

AIRMEN FELL ENEMY

U. S. Aviators Down Hun Machine in Cloud Battle.

Edward Rickenbacher, Auto Racer, and Captain Hall, Iowan, Victors Over German Plane.

With the American Army in France, May 2.—A German airplane was brought down in enemy territory the other night by Capt. Norman Hall of Colfax, Ia., and Lieut. Edward V. Rickenbacher of Columbus, O., after a battle over the American line on the Toul sector.

The American birdmen first engaged the enemy machine over the American lines. Lieutenant Rickenbacher, well known as an automobile racer in the United States, swept over the Boche and opened fire with his machine gun, while Captain Hall, formerly a member of the Lafayette escadrille, darted behind the German and also opened fire. The German made desperate attempts to escape and returned the fire of the Americans, several bullets piercing Captain Hall's airplane.

The Americans peppered the enemy machine with bullets and drove it down until it fell behind the German trenches. Captain Hall and Lieutenant Rickenbacher returned from the fight unscathed. This was the third enemy machine to be bagged by the Americans in three weeks, while several others have been reported brought down unofficially.

Captain Hall served as a private in the British army at the outbreak of the war and later joined the French aerial forces. He is the author of "Kitchener's Mob."

IRELAND DRAFT IS DEFERRED

Due Wednesday, Conscription Is Postponed for Home Government Plan.

London, May 2.—An order in council has been issued further postponing the operation of the national service act, or conscription, as respects Ireland, beyond May 1, to which it had been postponed previously. Some of the newspapers say the postponement is due to the government's wish to introduce a home rule bill and to see what measure of success it gets before proceeding to enforce conscription in Ireland, which, it is said in some quarters, is not likely to be attempted in the next few weeks.

Opinion in the lobbies of parliament is that a home rule bill will be presented in the house of commons next week, but the difficulties of drafting it have not been overcome entirely.

GERMANS IN MEXICO PLOT

London, May 2.—German intrigue in Mexico is attempting to force American intervention. It is reliably reported here. The situation is becoming serious, it is said.

SLEW CURSER OF FLAG; FREED

Honolulu Jury Acts Quickly—Defendant Wrapped in Colors Escorted by Soldiers.

Honolulu, H. I., May 2.—A jury after deliberating six minutes today acquitted Capt. Henry Allen, retired sea captain, who April 14 last shot and killed S. J. Walker for cursing the American flag. Immediately following his acquittal, Allen was surrounded by soldiers, who draped a flag about him and formed a body guard about him as he left the court.

SAYS POPE HAS NEW PEACE PLAN

Report Is Announced in Germany and Finds Sympathy in Berlin.

PLAIN GERMAN PROPAGANDA

Believed in Washington That His Holiness Must Know That Peace Proposal Now Has No Chance of Success.

London, May 2.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, accompanied by Baron Burian, the foreign minister, and their staffs, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich, will proceed almost immediately to German headquarters to confer with the German emperor. Ukrainian and Balkan affairs, it is added, will be discussed.

New Peace Offer.

The Hague, May 2.—Pope Benedict intends to issue a new peace offer on Whitsunday (May 19), Cologne newspaper announce. The document, it is said, will be of more pressing nature than formerly and will contain concrete offers of mediation by the pope, with the possible co-operation of neutral sovereigns.

Similar information of the pope's intention, it is said, has reached Berlin, where it has been received sympathetically.

German Propaganda?

Washington, May 2.—Accepting as true the statement from The Hague that German newspapers are predicting a peace move by Pope Benedict at Whitsunday, the "forecast" was regarded here as very plain German propaganda. Officials would not, of course, discuss the statement, but it was very evident that their views is that his Holiness must know that a peace proposal at this juncture would have no possible chance of success.

Allies to Force Peace.

Peace is the last thing in the minds of all the allies at this moment, far more than ever it is evident that it is now a war to the death of either autocracy or the freedom of the world. President Wilson's words at Baltimore, "Force, force to the utmost," and Lloyd George's words of only the other day that "this is no time for debate if democracy is to be saved," leave no doubt of where the allies stand on the question of peace.

NOT AFRAID OF SUBMARINES

Effectiveness of German U-Boats So Greatly Reduced That New Insurance Reduction Is Asked.

Washington, May 2.—The effectiveness of German U-boats against American cargo ships has been so greatly reduced that a new reduction in marine insurance rates will be announced by the war risk insurance bureau.

"The U-boats simply are not getting the ships," William A. Delaney, director of the war risk insurance bureau, told the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. "That is the fact, and it reflects an enormous amount of credit on the wonderful convoy system perfected by the navy department."

Since the formation of the war risk insurance bureau, Delaney said it had made \$17,000,000 net profits. This had been possible in the face of a constant reduction in marine insurance rates. Starting at 6 1/2 per cent the rate has now been reduced to 3 per cent and, it was learned, is slated for still further reduction.

ALLIES MEET AT VERSAILLES

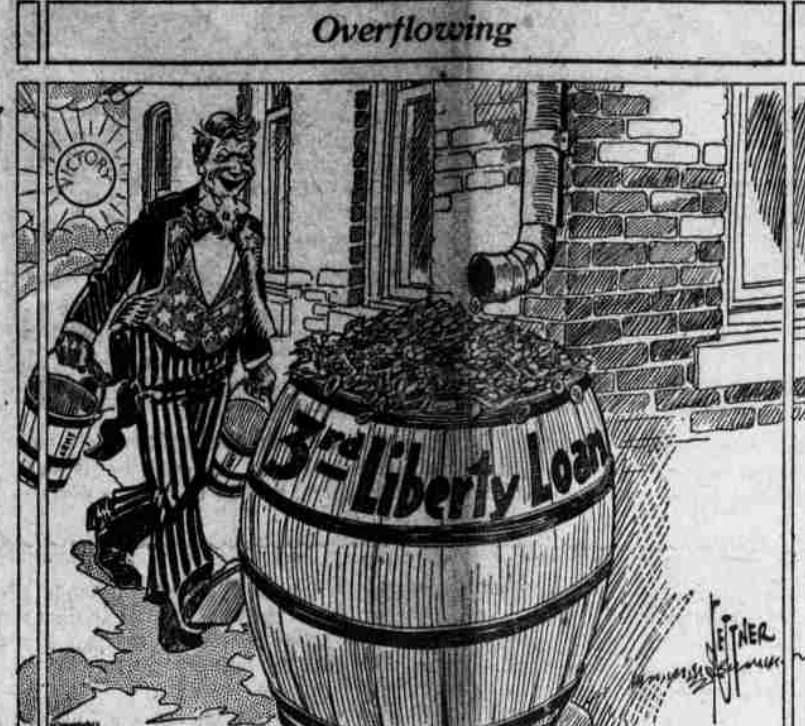
United States Agents Confer With Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando.

Versailles, France, May 2.—An important conference of the allied nations opened here. The participants comprise Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando of Great Britain, France and Italy respectively, and representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, and the United States in the supreme war council.

"CAUSE" OF THE WAR DEAD

Gavrio Prinzip, Assassin of Austrian Grand Duke, Expires in Fortress Near Prague.

London, May 2.—Gavrio Prinzip, the assassin of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, help apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife, at Sarajevo, Bosnia, died in a fortress near Prague of tuberculosis, telegraphs the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.



U. S. GUNS RAZE TOWN

Americans Shell Hun Positions Along the Back Areas.

Situation Along the Yanks' Sector Gradually Becoming More Stabilized—Few Encounters.

With an American Army on a French Battle Front, May 2.—The situation along the American sector gradually is becoming stabilized. There have been no infantry encounters in the last 48 hours, although small patrol parties or outposts have met in the darkness and mist.

Despite rain and poor visibility, the American and French artillery have been most active in shelling enemy back areas. A certain American battery has been laying a heavy barrage around a certain village which has been virtually wiped out. The German artillery is less active than on the days immediately following the Americans' appearance on this sector. The Germans are throwing some gas shells.

Weather conditions prevent aerial activity on either side.

LOAN NEARLY OVER THE TOP

Less Than \$500,000,000 Remains to Be Subscribed—Drive Is Gathering Force.

Washington, May 2.—Less than \$500,000,000 remains to be subscribed to bring the third Liberty loan up to the minimum quota of \$3,000,000,000. Actual subscriptions based on returns received from the 12 federal reserve districts were announced by the treasury department as totaling \$2,500,014,690. That the drive is gathering force in the closing days is indicated by large daily totals being recorded and treasury officials were decidedly hopeful that the \$3,000,000,000 minimum would be exceeded by a large sum.

U. S. PAYS ROADS \$90,614,000

Get That Amount Under Four Months of Government Operation, McAdoo Announces.

Washington, May 2.—Roads, under the four months of government operation just closed, received from the government \$90,614,000 as loans or advance payments on government compensation. Director General McAdoo announced.

\$2,000,000 FOR FRENCH AID

American Red Cross Helps Three Societies Caring for Wounded "Over There."

Paris, May 2.—The American Red Cross has presented 10,000,000 francs (\$2,000,000) to the committee which is directing the three great French societies for caring for the wounded—the French Red Cross, Les Femmes de France and Les Dames Francaise.

Chicago Moulders Strike.

Chicago, May 2.—Work on between thirty and forty carloads of war orders for the government was at a standstill as the result of a strike of moulders and coremakers in Chicago iron and brass foundries. In addition to the thirty foundries affected, thirty machine shops were closed.

Cincinnati German Held.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—William Freericks, German, claiming to represent a Cincinnati concern which insures drugstores, was committed to the county jail without bail here pending investigation of alleged seditious utterances. Questioned by Department of Justice officials Freericks said he has one son in the army and has brothers in Cincinnati. His wife is in a sanitarium in Rochester, Minn., he said.

WILSON BUYS A \$50 BOND

President Issues a Challenge to a Million Men to Join Loan Match.

Washington, May 2.—President Wilson called upon 1,000,000 Americans to match him with a \$50 Liberty bond—\$5 down and \$5 a month.

Inaugurating a "buy-another-bond" campaign starting today, the President, after purchasing all the bonds he felt he could, got another \$50 one, on the installment plan, providing a million people in the country would go with him on the proposition.

KALEDINES STILL IS FIGHTING

His Cossacks in Battle With Reds at Novo Tcherkassk—Protest Made Over Roumania.

Moscow, May 2.—Detachments of Gen. Kaledines' Cossack forces entered Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the Don Cossack region, on April 17. The soviet forces took the offensive the next day and recaptured the town.

There has been made by M. Tchitchinev, Russian foreign minister to the Roumanian premier, concerning the announcement that Roumania would hereafter regard Bessarabia as an integral part of Roumania.

OVERMAN BILL IS PASSED

Senate Rejects Amendments to Limit the Authority of the President.

Washington.—The Overman bill was passed by the Senate by a vote of 63 to 13. All of the opponents except one, Reed, of Missouri, were Republicans. The senate rejected all amendments designed to limit the President's authority and bestows the executive power to co-ordinate and reorganize Government departments and other agencies during the war. Many Senators who opposed the Administration in the long fight over proposed amendments joined the majority when the test came on final passage.

NAME FEDERAL PORT BODY

Commission Will Speed Up Arrival and Departure of Ships.

Washington.—With a view to speeding the arrival and departure of ships in American ports, Government departments having to do with overseas transportation created a Port, Terminal and Harbor Improvement Commission to be put in charge of all port facilities. The commission's first aim will be to so link the railroads and shipping lines that unnecessary delays will be eliminated. Edward F. Carry, Director of Operations for the Shipping Board, heads the commission.

British Troops Take 260 Prisoners.

London.—The British troops east of the Jordan River attacked the enemy holding the foothills south of Es Salt, and the mounted troops were within two miles of Es Salt, according to a British official communication, dealing with the fighting in Palestine and Hedjaz. The communication adds that 260 prisoners have been taken.

British Engineers Obdurate.

The British Amalgamated Society of Engineers, according to a statement issued by the secretary of the society, has rejected the government's man power proposals by 93,547 votes. The figures were: For the government proposal, 27,470; against, 121,017. As a result of this ballot the chairman of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers at a meeting with the trade union conference committee declared they must maintain their contention that the government must negotiate with them separately on the man power proposals. The government offered once to do this, but other trade unions objected to the Society of Engineers receiving any different treatment than was accorded them.

EXPANSION OF SHIP BUILDING

MOST EFFICIENT YARDS TO BE GIVEN CONTRACTS, INCLUDING NEW SEAGOING TUGS.

Speedy Construction Is Expected By Hurley—Foreign-Born Officers To Be Employed If Necessary, To Man America's Merchant Fleet.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—Expansion of the shipbuilding program to provide for construction of two hundred additional wooden vessels of 4,500 or 4,700 dead-weight tons was announced by Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board. This will increase to 550 the number of wooden ships completed, building or planned. The vessels, which will be either of the Dougherty or Ballin type, will be constructed in shipyards already established, and will be allotted, Mr. Hurley said, among yards which are most efficiently managed. Construction of the ships will be started as soon as vessels now building are off the stocks.

The board also decided to authorize the construction of 25 new sea-going tugs, increasing to 100 the number of such craft now building for the board. The tugs will be employed in coast traffic, replacing those diverted overseas. It also was made known that with the reopening of navigation on the Great Lakes, 34 vessels built there since last fall were brought to the Atlantic and now are en route to Atlantic ports or are loading preparatory to their maiden voyages. They aggregate approximately 100,000 tons. Of 23 ships in lake yards scheduled for completion this month, 16 are so far advanced that they have begun to take on crews and cargoes. These new vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 50,000, have been allocated by the Bureau of Operation of the Shipping Board to the New England coal-carrying trade.

A new American wooden ship construction record was reported to the Shipping Board by the Supply & Ballin Company, of Portland, Ore., which estimated the assembling and placing of 19 frames in a new vessel in a total working time of 44 hours.

The Shipping Board plans to employ foreign-born ship officers, if necessary, to man the new merchant fleet now building. Henry Howard, head of the board's recruiting service, told a conference of ship owners and leaders of Seamen's Unions that it might be necessary to take foreign officers because many licensed American officers have left the sea and will not return.

CITY OF ATHENS RAMMED

Warship Gives Aid To Victims of Disaster and Lands Rescued at Atlantic Port.

An Atlantic Port.—Sixty-six of the passengers and crew of the Savannah Line steamship City of Athens lost their lives when the steamer was rammed by a French cruiser and sunk off the Delaware coast. The missing includes eight men, two women and a child who were passengers; seven out of twenty-four United States marines, who were on board, fourteen out of twenty French sailors and thirty-three members of the crew. The ships came together while both were running at a fair speed in a heavy fog which had settled down about midnight. The City of Athens was struck on the starboard side near the bow and went down in seven minutes after the crash. A fire which started on the ship immediately after the collision added to the panic on board the ill-fated ship and hampered the crew in their efforts to launch the lifeboats.

Dynamite Under Steel Wireless Tower

El Paso, Texas.—Four sticks of dynamite, thirty feet of coiled copper wire and detonating caps have been discovered buried under the base of the steel wireless tower at Fort Bliss. The explosives were found by an officer who was training his men in entrenchment work near the tower. The Fort Bliss wireless station is known as the "motor station" for the Mexican border between San Antonio and Los Angeles. It receives messages from the wireless station at Southern Department headquarters at Fort Sam Houston and relays them to the smaller stations along the Mexican border. It is said to be the most powerful station on the border.

Fired Shots Which Killed Archduke.

London.—Gayrie Prinzip, the assassin of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, help apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife, at Sarajevo, Bosnia, died in a fortress near Prague of tuberculosis, telegraphs the correspondent at The Hague of the Exchange Telegraph Company. Prinzip shot to death the Austrian Archduke and his wife while they were on a visit to the Bosnian capital on June 28, 1914, and out of this double murder the European war developed.

GRAND DUKE ALEXANDROVICH



Reports from Scandinavian countries say a counter-revolution has taken place in Russia and that Alexis, son of the former czar, has been proclaimed emperor with Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich as regent.

WOUNDED BOOST LOAN

Eight U. S. Soldiers Arrive in Chicago From France.

Squad Given Enthusiastic Welcome by Relatives and Crowds Upon Their Arrival in City.

Chicago, May 2.—Eight of America's sons who still have the thunder of the big guns on the western front ringing in their ears, anxious for the latest reports on the big struggle about Ypres and the newest developments on the plains of Picardy, where Uncle Sam's boys joined the French in repelling the Hun's ferocious attacks, stepped into Chicago with their wounds and their medals for heroic service, to aid Chicago in going over the top for the third Liberty loan.

The squad of eight was met at the Union station, when the men detrained shortly after noon, by an enthusiastic crowd. Companies H and O of the Fortieth infantry, stationed at Fort Sheridan, officially welcomed them and acted as an escort through the streets. Mrs. George McKinnock with some of her canteen workers was on hand to greet the returning "Yanks."

The men composing the detachment are:

Corp. A. A. Montgomery, Sergt. Owen C. Hawkins, Corp. Leonard Omerad, Corp. Edgar Barnes, Corp. Harold J. Smith, Corp. Merle L. Skinner, Private Harry H. Harrison, Private James F. Redding.

Corp. Edgar Barnes is from Morris, Ill., where he was an inspector of public service before his enlistment. His sweetheart, Miss Ethel Ferguson of Morris, and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Fraser of Joliet, came to Chicago to meet him and accompanied him about his tour of the loop with the Liberty loan committee.

The men will separate after a day in Chicago and spread through the district in the interest of the loan.

GERMANS REDUCED TO RAGS

Clothing So Scarce in Berlin Ruffians Rob Persons on Street—Three Hundred Thefts Daily.

London, May 2.—So acute is the scarcity of clothing in Germany that men and women are being attacked daily by ruffians in the streets of Berlin and stripped of their garments, according to German newspapers received here.

It is said that one insurance office alone in Berlin is notified of an average of 300 thefts daily. Threat for mending clothing is said to be virtually unobtainable.

Commenting on the food situation in Germany, the papers intimate that the hope entertained of speedy relief from the Ukraine has been dispelled.

SICK SOLDIERS COMING HOME

One Hundred and Thirteen Arrived From France During Week of April 26.

Washington, May 2.—One hundred and thirteen sick and wounded soldiers from the American expeditionary forces were landed in this country during the week of April 26, Surgeon General Gorgas announced. Where they will recuperate was not divulged.

Opposition Party Wins.

Copenhagen, May 2.—Final returns on the voting for members of the Landsting, the upper house of the Danish parliament, show victory for the opposition parties led by ex-Premier Christensen.